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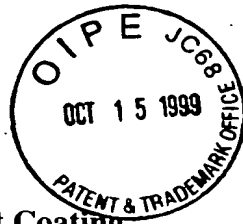
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SHAH et al.

Appl. No. 09/138,464

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Examiner: D. Dudash

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For: **Thromboresistant Coating**

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits for the captioned application, kindly enter the following amendments.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Kindly delete claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 15, 20-26, 28-32, 36, 40-42, 45-51, 53, 54, 56, 58 and 59.

Kindly amend claims 1, 4-8, 11-14, 16-19, 27, 33-35, 37-39, 43-44, 52, 55 and 57 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A coating composition, comprising:
a silane having at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of an isocyanate, an isothiocyanate, an ester, an anhydride, an acyl halide, an alkyl halide, an epoxide and an aziridine; and
a biopolymer capable of forming a covalent bond with said silane [, wherein said biopolymer is covalently linked to the silane].

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4. (Amended) The coating composition of claim 1, wherein [the] said silane comprises an isocyanate [functionality].

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